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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiaki OKABE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 09/725,765

Examiner: R. SINGH

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Docket No.: 108001

For: DOCUMENT INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 14, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 7-14 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0177111 A1 to Egendorf et al. (Egendorf) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,946,689 to Yanaka et al. (Yanaka) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,947 to Bengston. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

**I. Even if Combined, the References Would Not Result in the Claimed Invention**

**A. Yanaka Does Not Teach or Suggest the History Identifier or Linkage Information Recited in Claim 1**

The Office Action, on page 5, acknowledges that Egendorf does not teach or suggest document information that includes a history identifier identifying an original and update or